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BCSE Submission to the Quadrennial Energy Review

Clean Energy Industry Perspectives on the Resiliency and Reliability of the Electricity System

Washington, DC – The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) submitted its comments on July 1 on the second phase of the Quadrennial Energy Review (QER) to the US Department of Energy (DOE). As significant shifts are underway in the American electricity system, the Council's recommendations focus on several areas that will provide for the long-term strength, flexibility and resilience of the US electricity grid. The utilization of the full portfolio of clean energy technologies will be essential to ensure the delivery of clean, reliable and affordable energy to families and businesses.

"The [2016 Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#) shows that 2015 was a watershed year in the evolution of U.S. energy. As the United States' energy transformation continues towards greater use of low-carbon resources and more efficient energy production and consumption, the integration of these technologies requires new grid functionality and energy infrastructure planning and investment," commented Council President Lisa Jacobson. "A holistic approach going forward is required – one that takes into account the distinct and valuable roles that the government, the private sector, and stakeholders play in planning, managing and financing energy infrastructure."

The Council's comments include industry specific recommendations for natural gas and energy efficiency, the integration of renewable technologies, and areas where the government can maximize and leverage its positive impact on the U.S. electricity system with a multi-stakeholder approach, in partnership with the private sector.

The Council looks forward to continued engagement with the Department of Energy on the Quadrennial Energy Review.

Read the Council's [full comments here](#).

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The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors, and also includes independent electric power producers, investor-owned utilities, public power and commercial end-users. Established in 1992, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. For more information on the Council, please visit: www.bcse.org and download [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#) 2014 edition for the latest industry information.